

*The Wisdom and Duty of preserving
destitute Infants.*

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When my Father and my Mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.

NOT only in the sacred Pages of inspired Scripture, but likewise in the useful Instructions of antient Philosophy, the divine Conduct is justly represented as the only compleat Example and exact Rule of moral Behaviour; as it is always the greatest Happiness and highest Honour rational Creatures can attain, *to be followers of God as dear Children.*

To enforce and regulate such an Imitation, the supreme Government of the Almighty Ruler of the Universe is reduced, as it were, to the Level of human Behaviour, and persuasively described in Terms correspondent to human Actions.

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THUS for Example, the compassionate Design, for which we are now assembled, naturally falls under the expressive Description of the Text, *When my Father and my Mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up* : How evidently does this Undertaking resemble the amiable Goodness of the benign *Father of the Fatherless* ? That Goodness which continually regardeth the *poor destitute, and despiseth not his Prayer* ; illustrated with much Beauty and Force in an antient venerable Character, distinctly recommended to our Regard ; *When the Ear heard me, says the beneficent and holy JOB, then it blessed me ; when the Eye saw me it gave witness to me ; because I delivered the Poor that cried, the Fatherless and him that had none to help him ; the Blessing of him, that was ready to perish came upon me.*

THE divine Example is a Consideration of such Weight as should not only carry full Conviction of the Merit of a Charity thus highly authorised (for what is done by infinite Wisdom and Goodness must be right) but should also render us *merciful, as our Father in Heaven is merciful*, and engage all necessary Assistance, for the Support and Enlargement of an Institution formed for the Relief of the most pitiable, most helpless, and most innocent Part of the human Species ; in one Word, for the *Maintenance and Education of*
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exposed and deserted *young* Children; their *Education* in the Principles of that holy and benevolent Religion, with which their dying Saviour has blest the World. Such an Act of Compassion, always proper, is particularly well adapted to a Season of serious Contemplation and works of pious Beneficence.

ANY Encomium of *mine* upon this very wise and merciful Undertaking would be intirely superfluous; after it has been honoured, in a very *particular* manner, with the Sanction of public Wisdom and Authority.

THE CHARTER of his most gracious MAJESTY, the affectionate Father of his People, of all Ranks and Conditions, and of every Age; whose Preservation and Happiness is the continual Object of his Royal Attention;—the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, with unanimous Voice, have given full Approbation and a lasting Stability to this merciful Institution.

ILLUSTRIOUS Personages of both Sexes, of high Distinction and Character, not more eminent for their exalted Rank than their Virtues; many others of great and well deserved Esteem, by their Bounty, their Counsel, and Assistance, afford an additional Evidence in Favour of this important Cause; but still, if it does not also

appear the Cause of Religion and Virtue, notwithstanding all these advantageous Recommendations; how great soever the human Authority be, or how severe soever the Miseries of the poor Objects;—Regard it not; let your Eyes be closed; and your Ears be stopped against every Importunity.

PERHAPS it will be urged, that *some* of these destitute Children (for it is far from being true of them all) are the unlawful Offspring of lewd and profligate Parents.

WOULD to God! that *all* the Children of *all* lewd and profligate Parents, not only near this Metropolis, but through the whole Kingdom, were safely removed from the bad Education they must receive, if they are educated at all, under such Parents; and placed at a safe Distance from the contagious Influence of their wicked Example. Would to God! it were the happy Lot of every innocent Babe thus descended, in every Place, to be delivered from the notorious Hazard of its Life, Body and Soul, to which *such* Children are manifestly exposed; and that instead thereof, they were cloathed with proper Raiment, fed with Food convenient for them; and carefully taught ‘to believe in God, to fear, love and worship him; to keep their Hands from picking and
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‘ stealing, to keep their Bodies in Temperance,
 ‘ Soberness and Chastity, and to learn and la-
 ‘ bour truly to get their own Living, and do
 ‘ their duty in that state of Life, unto which it
 ‘ shall please God to call them.’—Pious and
 useful Lessons, which are here taught and in-
 culcated!

AND; that the *State of Life*, in which these
 Children are instructed to do their Duty, may
 not exceed their low Condition; the Boys, after
 a plain, hardy Education, with proper *Work*,
 are destined and confined to the Hazards of the
 Sea and the Labours of the Plough; Services
 peculiarly accommodated to this happy Island,
 designed by Providence for the Arts of *Commerce*
 and *Husbandry*: The last, in a particular manner
 demands an *additional* Supply, both in Justice and
 Prudence, to replace the great Number of Hands
 drawn from the Industry of the Country, to be-
 come the Attendants upon Luxury and Gran-
 deur.

THE *Female* Part of the Charge is in like
 manner educated in the meanest and most labo-
 rious Employments, which their Sex will admit;
 and thus fitted for the lowest Services, in which
 only they are placed.

By these well-concerted Measures, poor ex-
 posed Children of both Sexes are rescued from
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the very Jaws of Death ; or, what is worse than Death, Wickedness and Ruin, and render'd comfortable to themselves, and highly useful to the Public.

If any serious Caution (which is always laudable) not to give Encouragement to Wickedness, should at all operate to the Disadvantage of an Undertaking so extensively beneficial — Let it be duly considered ; that highly aggravated and very heavy will their Weight of Guilt be found, at the awful Day of Judgment, who make a pious and charitable Regard to the most necessitous and deplorable Objects, an Inducement or a Motive to sin against God. Let them know, if any such there be, and seriously reflect, that *Whoremongers* and *Adulterers* God will surely judge ; and none with more Severity of Justice than those, who pervert the benevolent Designs of Christian Compassion, and impiously violate God's Commands with Regard to *Chastity*, only because their better Neighbours duly observe those, which enforce *Pity* and *Commiseration* ; whereby THIS Good may be evil spoken of and discouraged.

BEYOND all Dispute, the same *Malignity of Heart*, which can thus abuse and pervert an Act of Goodness and Compassion into a Reason for committing Sin, would not forbear that Sin,
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if this Compassion were not exercised ; but much more probably would advance from one guilty Action to another, and perpetrate the most horrid of all Crimes, by embruing their wicked Hands in the innocent Blood of their own Offspring. This charitable Provision therefore, taken even in the worst Light, is only preventing the dreadful and shocking Murder of harmless Babes. Though very probably, the intemperate Heat of ungovern'd Passion is seldom influenced by any Consideration of *distant* Consequences ; but rather rushes, with thoughtless Rage into a criminal Indulgence, though productive not only of future Mischiefs, but of great *personal* Inconvenience, by an *immediate* Contagion.

BUT contrary to these well-meant Suspicions, it has been observed, that the proper and wholesome Provision made in this House of Compassion for poor Infants, if honest Parents should be unable to provide for them, may prove an Encouragement to engage in the *matrimonial* State ; which all wise nations always encourage, as a Measure not less conducive and necessary to the Regularity, good Order, and Well-being of Society ; than to the surest, largest and best Increase of People. Regular Marriage is indeed the Foundation of larger Communities, which
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consist of private Families, subject, before any social Union, to parental Authority.

THE Assistance thus administered to distressed Parents is by no means mentioned as the only Encouragement of Matrimony proper to be given to the lower Part of a Nation : Much more may be requisite, where it is of great Importance to secure an effectual Supply of Inhabitants, in the Room of those, who remove themselves, die away, or are every Day destroyed.

‘ Unlawful Conjunctions’ (says a late eminent foreign Writer, *De l’Esprit des Loix*) ‘ contribute little to the Propagation of the Species ; the Father upon whom the natural Obligation lies to provide for the Nourishment and Education of the Children, is not sufficiently ascertained ; and the Mother, upon whom this Obligation rests, finds a thousand Obstacles from Shame and Remorse, the Restraint of her Sex, the Rigour of the Laws ; most frequently from Poverty and the want of Means.’

COMMON Prostitution, as it seldom produces Offspring, so it renders the Education of Children (as the same learned Author observes) incompatible with that wicked and wretched Condition of Life, which is commonly void of natural Affection. ‘ From all which, says he, it follows that general *Continence* is naturally united
‘ with

‘ with the Propagation and Increase of the
‘ Species.’

EVERY flourishing and populous State, the
Jews, the *Romans*, the fruitful *Nations* of the
North, that overspread the southern and western
Parts of Europe stood indebted, for the vast
Numbers of their People, to an attentive and
careful Encouragement of regular Marriage.

OUR own Countryman, that celebrated Wri-
ter and Statesman SIR WILLIAM TEMPLE, has
made an Observation, extremely applicable to
the present Charity, ‘ That the encouraging
‘ *lawful* Matrimony would not only increase our
‘ People, but also turn the Vein of what we
‘ call *natural* to that of *legal* Propagation ;
‘ *which* has *ever* been ENCOURAGED and HO-
‘ NOURED ; as the *other* has been *discouraged* by
‘ ALL Institutions of Government ;—and one
‘ *proper* Encouragement, says he, to *Matrimony*
‘ is to allot a public Maintenance for *such* Chil-
‘ dren, as too much *burden* private Families.’

BUT this Subject well deserves a fuller Dis-
cussion, that a Maxim of so much Importance
may be better understood, or *more* attended to—
That the divine Institution of *Marriage* is not
only acceptable to God, but highly profitable
to public Communities.

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To proceed ; however feeble the Objections against this Charity, that have been mentioned, do plainly appear ; it must yet be acknowledged, that there is *one* Objection of real and substantial Force ; God grant it may very soon be entirely removed !—The *great* Number of destitute Infants that are continually *rejected* ! Upon an Average not less than two Thirds of all that are offered, for where *TWENTY* have been *received*, *FORTY* have been *excluded*.

BUT alas ! this Difference is still increasing, with most melancholy Disproportion : For at the last Reception, [*Saturday April 14.*] no less than *One hundred and sixteen* Children were offered ; and out of this large Number, the present Circumstances of the Hospital could only admit *twenty*. So that in *one* Day, *ninety-six* wretched, forlorn Infants were totally rejected ; with great Regret indeed, but still unavoidably rejected ! How alarming, how interesting is such an Event ! How justly deplorable upon Account of *Parents, Children*, and the *NATION* !

THE Case of a necessitous *Parent*, perhaps a mournful Widow, may demand some Pity, who is obliged, with a disappointed wounded Heart, to carry back to an empty Abode, a famishing helpless Babe ; when nothing but extreme Want and Necessity could so far have prevailed

over parental Affection and the Ties of Nature, as to induce her to take the tender young Creature from her own Bosom, and resign it to she knows not whom, under public Care. The Witnesses of these Sufferings, Gentlemen, whose Humanity leads them to superintend the Admission of the Children, find themselves *irresistably* melted into the tenderest Sorrow and Compassion, in spite of all their previous Resolution, by the extreme Grief and Anguish of Soul which Numbers of Parents feel (and nothing but the Affection of a Parent can feel) upon these sad Occasions, when they appear, as it were, sinking into the Earth under the Weight of this insupportable Disappointment, with all the *Distress*, and *Woe*, and *Despair*, that so often attend the *dreadful LOT of Exclusion*; which strikes them like a Sentence of Death denounced against their wretched Children, as it puts an End, at once, to all the pleasing Hopes of Maintenance and Education, and occasions a Perplexity from which they see no Deliverance.

BUT to leave this Consideration; how justly deplorable is the Fate also of so many *unhappy CHILDREN*, who are refused that necessary Food and Instruction, which their distressed Condition implores, with the most moving Sollicitation.

HAD these numerous, pitiable Objects been guilty of some high and capital Offence, the Lot of *Life* or *Death* would probably in *like* manner have pass'd upon them, as it now passes upon *innocent* Babes, who are here offered as Candidates for Maintenance and Education, but with *more* than a double Chance (terrible Circumstance indeed!) against their obtaining either.—So deficient is the present Fund for the whole Plan of this extensive Charity! So inadequate the Supply for the *many* necessitous Objects, to whom, a just Compassion and a wise Regard to the public Welfare, should, *at all Times*, secure a Reception and Education.

WHILE the *Provision* continues thus *defective*, what Numbers of Children must *unavoidably* be excluded from this House of Preservation; and of course, too often delivered up to almost sure Destruction, under the Care, more properly under the cruel Negligence, of certain well known Executioners?

How many *other* Children, whom Humanity, Religion and true Wisdom should destine to a Dwelling of Health and Safety, are *not offered here at all*; but wholly given up and confined to the same Slaughter-Houses, where their Lives, and therewith their Pain and Misery are brought to a *speedy Conclusion*!

EXAMINE the Records of *too many* parishes.— Then pause a little, and *seriously* reflect how extensive and how terrible this Execution has been ! Of all that vast Number of unhappy Infants, whom narrow-spirited Management and dire Frugality have *thus*, for many Years, disposed of ; how very few, in Proportion, survive and attain to Man's Estate !

How very considerable do these Mischiefs appear, when we add to this mournful Account all *those* Children, whom the impious Barbarity of unnatural Parents wilfully destroys by *immediate* Murder ; or more *gradually*, but not less certainly, burns up and consumes by the fiery Heat of spiritous Liquors ; an Instrument of *sure* Destruction, which together with baneful *Opiates*, frequently also administer'd in other Places, are absolutely forbid and excluded from this healthful Abode, calculated in all Respects for the Preservation of human Lives.

BUT you must still increase the melancholy Catalogue of perishing Children, by adding all *those*, whom the Misfortunes, the Poverty, the Incapacity, the Sickness of distressed Parents cannot maintain and preserve.

TAKE the sum Total of all these dreadful Articles of Destruction ! How large and extensive a Scene of Distress, and Woe, and Ruin ;
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of Sickness, Misery, Guilt and Death, does this united View of neglected, abandoned, perishing Infants open to the compassionate Attention of private Charity, and the effectual Regard of public Wisdom*.

AND, what is this vast Destruction, but so many HUMAN *Sacrifices*, more horrid and more absurd, if possible, than any that the wildest Superstition ever offered in the heathen World, with *Expectations*, vain indeed and groundless, of some Benefit from Powers supposed to be above!—

BUT among us, in a *Christian* Country, these innocent tender Victims daily fall, by Negligence and Cruelty, without the least Prospect of any Advantage: Just the Reverse; the Loss of every Life, that might have been preserved, is
a *real*

* By the annual Accounts for the last 12 Years, published by the Company of Parish Clerks, it appears, that at a *Medium*, there have been baptized 14,548; and for the same Period, at a *Medium*, there have annually DIED of CHILDREN, under five Years old 10,444! and the Burials in general, for the same Period, at a *Medium*, annually amount to 24,584.

N. B. This Account is not supposed to be absolutely perfect; but as the Differences from the *exact* Numbers may be reckoned pretty much the same one Year as another; and as the *whole* Number of Christenings is not included, so neither is the whole Number of Burials taken into this Account, which however affords a *general* View of the State of Christenings and Burials, at an Average, for 12 Years.

See the *Preface and Postscript* to a Sermon preached, on *Easter Monday*, 1750, at *St. Bridget's Church* before the *Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen*.

a *real* Detriment, as well as an Act of scandalous Inhumanity.

WHAT powerful Arguments ; how many persuasive Motives plead the mournful Cause of such innocent Distress ? Distress indeed ! No Words, no Force of Language can express what the Spectators of these Scenes of Misery have actually beheld, who have ever viewed those dreadful Receptacles ; where Numbers of poor, languishing Children, whose tender Lungs require the nutritious Refreshment of free and uncorrupted Air, are crowded in one confined Apartment, there to pine and die away ! How dismal a *Sound* is the Voice of their Sorrow, uttered in low faint Sobblings, inarticulate Moaning, and languid Groans ! How terrible and ghastly a *Spectacle*, the emaciated, meagre Countenance, the earnest and expressive Looks and Tears of abused, tortured, expiring Innocence !

WHO could forbear to weep and mourn with these afflicted Babes ; who have so much Cause to weep and mourn, lying under *all* that painful Anguish, which the want of due Nourishment and due Attendance can possibly create to their tender Fabrick !

WHAT Heart, not hardened and seared by Custom and Lucre, but must be pierced with the unaffected Misery, the convulsive Motions, the dying

dying Agonies of this otherwise beautiful, innocent and engaging Part of the human Species! Our own Flesh and Blood; for *have we not all one Father, hath not one God created us?*

A CHILD of *yours* in such Distress and Tortures!—How your Heart trembles, and with Reason shudders at the very Thought! Remove such Misery from your own House by bountiful Compassion to your afflicted Brethren. God will then shew Mercy and Compassion to you and yours.

IN the natural Course of Things, this wise and beneficent Institution, while it relieves distressed Objects, affords such *Instruction*, upon the surest Plan of Instruction, as may prove of substantial and extensive Advantage. The careful, constant, and *particular* Attention to the proper Methods of Sustenance and Nourishment, to the Complaints and Diseases of these young Creatures, may afford much useful Information to better Families, and prove the Means of preserving their Offspring.

INSTRUCTIVE Experience*, in this House of Benevolence, has already taught the World, upon a just Calculation, with how much greater Safety

* See an Account of the HOSPITAL for the Maintenance of exposed and deserted young Children, published by Order of the Governors, 1749.

Safety and Success those Children are brought up, who receive that genuine Nourishment which an all-wise Providence has allotted to them, the Milk of the Breast; than such Children as receive only artificial Food, substituted in the Place of that which is natural.

It has here also been ascertained, by Facts and Numbers, that many more Children, in similar Circumstances, live and prosper in the *Country* than in and near this populous Town; Air which is fresh and pure tending very remarkably to the Preservation of Infant Life.

THESE Observations, to give you their own Words, are mentioned by the humane and worthy Conductors of this Charity, 'to caution persons against bringing up Children by Hand, and rather to have them nursed in the Country than in Town.' And till Facts like these were duly and *experimentally* established; 'tis no wonder if in the *Infancy* of the Undertaking, and before due Provision could be made for the Reception of Children in the Country by proper Nurses, that the Number of Deaths should be larger in Proportion, than in the Progress of this great, but gradual Design.

It may not be improper further to observe the fresh Conviction *here* given of the Safety and Utility of conveying by *Inoculation*, a
D Distemper

Distemper, otherwise very dangerous. In *One hundred seventy one* Children, who have here been inoculated, only *one* has died; and that Death is said to be owing to another disorder: However that Case be, considering from what Parents several of them derive their Being, 'tis a just Recommendation of this Practice, that only *one* in 171 of such Children has failed in this Method.

THIS Success of the Operation seems no inconsiderable Motive to communicate, in that *safer* Period of Life, a Distemper so frequently fatal to Persons more advanced in Years.

CONSIDER, *what* destitute Children are *without* this necessary and pious Care.—Nothing, or worse than nothing, to themselves and the Community: If they continue in Life, they are most likely to become a Burden, a Nuisance to the Nation, and a Prey upon honest Industry. Without this Provision for abandoned Infants, and a proper Attention also to vagabond Children *somewhat older*, 'tis easy to foretell that a fresh *Succession* of profligate Villains, lewd and shameless Women, and bold Offenders of every kind, *not to be reclaimed by subsequent Punishments*, or reform'd by any *Instruction* they may receive in

what are *called* Houses of *Correction*, will *continually* spring up, and supply the Place of their Predecessors and Tutors in Wickedness, who perish by Intemperance and other Vices, are driven abroad, or fall by the Sword of public Justice.

MANY Parents have no Inclination, some have not Time, others want sufficient Substance to educate their Children properly. Gross Negligence, indulgent Fondness, and blind Partiality have fatal Effects, when Virtue and Industry should be steadily inculcated.

BUT when young Children, before they can possibly acquire Habits of Vice or Idleness, are carefully provided for; maintained and educated in this School of *Labour* as well as House of religious and moral Instruction; happily for themselves, happily for their Country, and to the well grounded Satisfaction of every generous Benefactor, they are formed into sober, laborious, useful Subjects, to *cultivate* the *Ground*, and *navigate* the *Ocean*, for your Sustenance, Pleasure and Advantage.

To reflect upon the Conduct of foreign Countries and consider what attentive Care is exercised in neighbouring Kingdoms or States to preserve that Source of Riches and Power, the Lives of Children, might justly excite or in-

crease an effectual Regard to the same valuable Treasure in BRITAIN. *Exclusions*, so grievous and so hurtful, would then be no longer known; the charitable Door would be *always* open, though, as in one Hospital abroad, more than 3,000 destitute Infants were annually received and provided for.

EXACT Calculations, however useful, are at present impracticable; but this point is certain, that if the Subjects of one nation do not increase in Proportion to another, even though there should be some Addition, yet this *supposed* increase is a comparative Diminution; as the national Strength becomes, in proportion, more and more unequal.

FEW Periods in *English* History have rendered a strict Attention to the *regular* INCREASE, to the *early* INDUSTRY and the MORALS of the People more prudent or more necessary, than the present very alarming Juncture; when, to the public Misfortune, so many unhappy Circumstances unite, not only in the Diminution of the present Generation, by *various* Methods of Destruction, and *numerous* Removals into other Countries; but also, when increasing *Lewdness* and fatal *Intemperance* by spreading widely their *baneful* Influence, even in Districts of Labour and Manufactures where Regularity and sober Industry
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are extremely requisite, prevent the Increase of the next Generation.

THE Loss of People, unavoidably occasioned by an extensive Commerce to distant and unwholesome Climates, would by no Means be mentioned, were it not to remind you that this wise and excellent Charity, when duly enlarged, would furnish a proper and sure Supply for this Article of Decrease.

IT were easy to multiply both Authorities and Arguments in Favour of a Design so very compassionate, and so agreeable to all the Dictates of true Wisdom and true Religion. The Sentiments of antient Philosophers; the Maxims of antient Policy; the actual Institutions of eminent Lawgivers; the Practice of the *primitive* CHRISTIANS in the most assiduous Care of poor Orphans; the Edicts of the first Christian Emperors; Historical Instruction founded upon Facts and Observation; the Opinion and Advice of the ablest and most celebrated modern Writers, political, moral and religious; might all be produced with great Force, would Time permit, in Support and Recommendation of a most *humane, beneficial* and *pious* Design, which in Truth powerfully recommends itself, to *Men*, to *Englishmen*, to *Christians*; in earnest Hopes of a speedy Supply, so extremely wanted, for the

the necessary Relief of the *Genuine* and undissembled Distress of miserable, forlorn Infants; to preserve their tender valuable Lives; to form their *Bodies* to useful Labour, to impress their *Minds* with the awful Principles of Religion; without which *public* Communities never did, or ever can, enjoy a prosperous Stability; or *private* Persons true Happiness in this World or in the next.

By such Acts of real Beneficence you imitate the God and Father of Mercies, who was *your Hope when you hanged yet upon your Mother's Breast*; who has hitherto preserved you, and upon whom alone your future Expectations must depend for his gracious Favour and Goodness, in granting you and your Children a comfortable Passage through this changeable State of Things, and for a blessed Reception into an unchangeable State of Bliss and Glory.

It is thus you pay a Tribute of Gratitude and Praise to your dying Redeemer; where the most grateful Tribute you can pay, falls infinitely short of your inexpressible Obligations.

IN the whole System of that benevolent Religion published by the merciful Saviour of Mankind, no one Precept is more strongly enforced by his divine Example and Authority, than an affectionate Regard to Children, that
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amiable and helpless Part of the human Species. Hear the Words of the Gospel! ‘ They brought
 ‘ *young Children* to Christ that he should touch
 ‘ them; and his Disciples *rebuked* those that
 ‘ brought them, but when JESUS saw it, he
 ‘ was much *displeased*, and said unto them,
 ‘ suffer the *little Children* to come unto me, and
 ‘ forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom
 ‘ of God; and he took them up in his Arms,
 ‘ put his Hands upon them, and blessed them.’

LITTLE Children are come unto you, my Brethren, despise them not; send them not away without some Proof your Benevolence; your Blessing. *When their Father and their Mother forsake them, do you take them up.*

WHAT Delight and Joy will it afford, at the great Day of Judgment, to meet poor Children rescued by your christian Bounty from Misery, Wickedness and Destruction; and happily placed among the Number of the Blessed; when your Saviour, your Sovereign, and your Judge shall acknowledge your Regard to HIM, in *their* Preservation; and before that august Assembly of Men and Angels call upon you—‘ Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the Kingdom prepared
 ‘ for you, from the Foundation of the World.
 ‘ For I *was* hungry and ye gave *me* Meat,—
 ‘ I *was* thirsty and ye gave *me* Drink— I was

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‘ a Stranger and ye took *me* in——Naked and
‘ ye cloathed *me* ——Verily I say unto you, in-
‘ asmuch ye have done it unto one of the
‘ *least of these my Brethren*, ye have done it
‘ unto ME’.

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